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In 1926, The American Society of Newspaper Editors sat down somewhere and they wrote down a professional journalists' code of ethics.
They came up with the following guidelines for a reporter like myself to hold to.
Ethical journalists treat sources, subjects and colleagues, as human beings deserving of respect.
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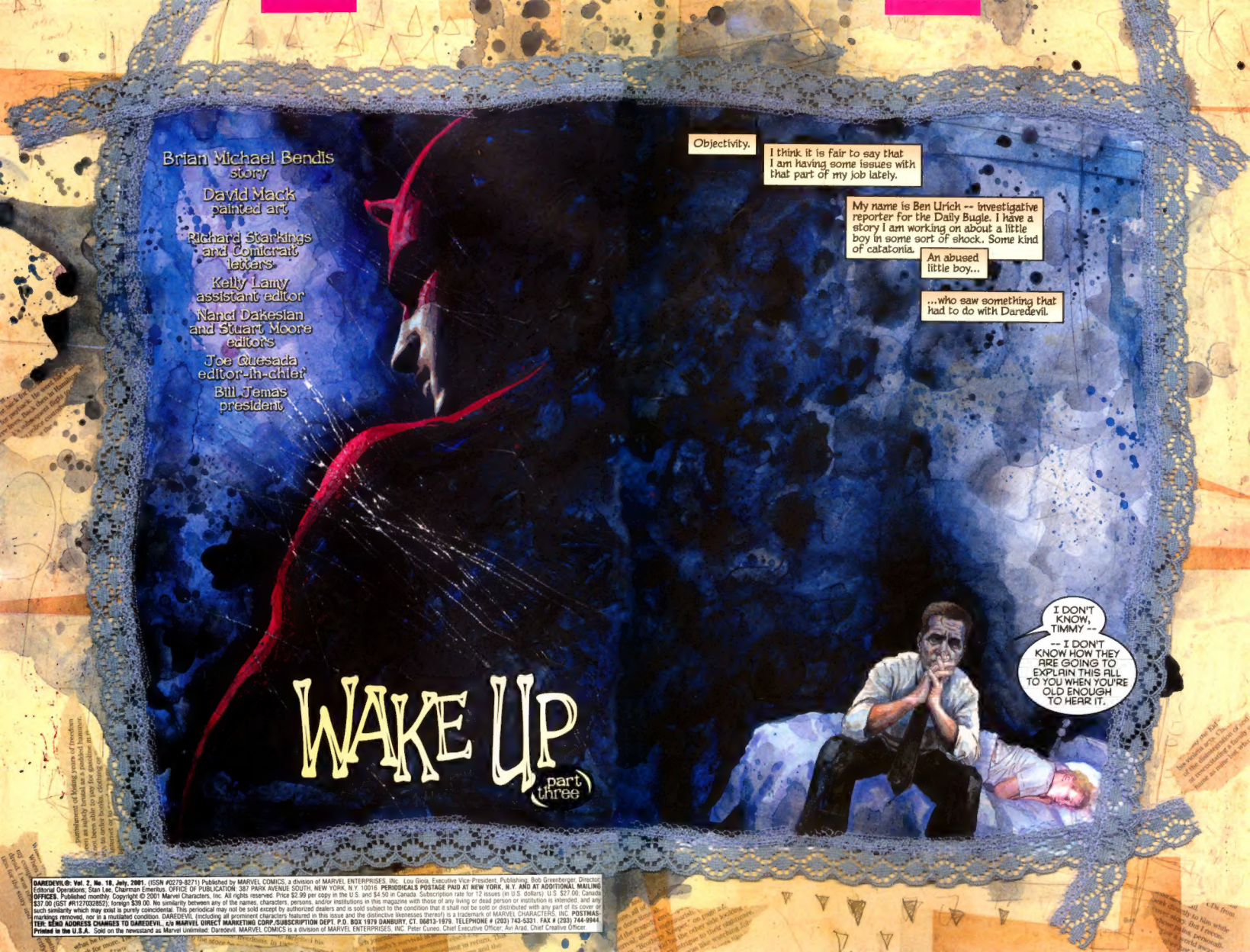

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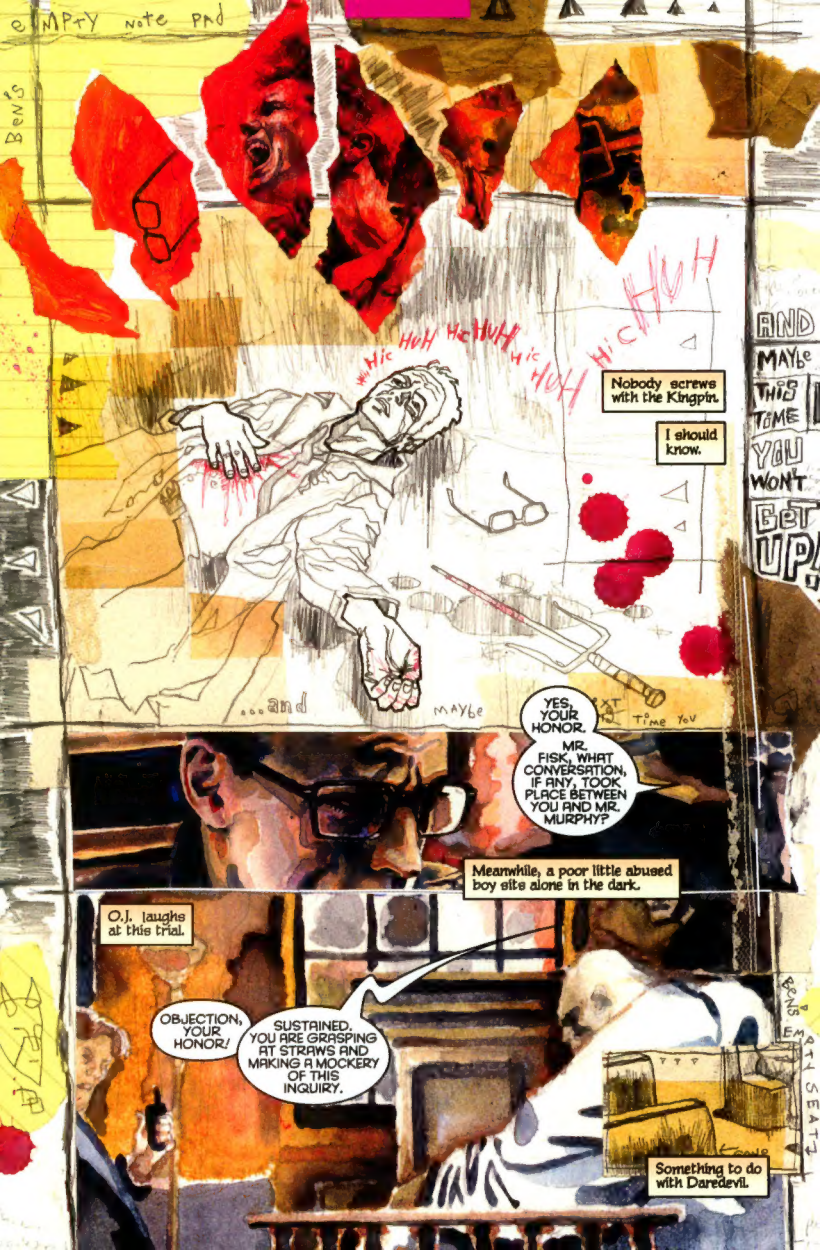
I don't know how they will do it, Timmy. How will they find the gumption to look you in the eye and say:
"Oh yeah, I'm so sorry, Timmy. You slipped through the cracks of the system, is all."
ALLISON LANGE? MA'AM, ARE YOU THE MOTHER OF TIMMY LANGE?
YES...
"Yeah, Timmy. It's terrible that your father was a two-bit hood -- went by the name of Leap Frog...
"And that he would come home and take out his anger on you, a poor, defenseless little boy.
"I mean -- it's just a roll of the gene pool dice if you think about it. Could'a happened to anyone --
"-- But, hey, Timmy, y'know, you just got the short end of the stick. Someone has to.
"But it isn't like people hadn't tried to help you, Timmy.
"Your teachers informed the proper authorities. And yeah -- the authorities came to your house. Twice even.
"But it's not easy for the city to break up a happy home. It's not easy to take the kid away if both parents' story holds up.
YES, I'LL -- UH --
I'LL GET MY COAT.
"It's not easy to help you if your mother -- your own mother --
"Is so incredibly selfish she decides to put her own deluded sense of comfort before the well-being of her own child.
"You just slipped through the cracks."

The cops are kind enough to pretend not to notice me walk into Timmy's room. What am I looking for?
IN TIMMY'S ROOM
Broken toys.
Comics.
I TOLD YOU TO KEEP THESE TOYS OFF THE FLOOR, TIMMY!
SHRINE TO HEROES
DO IT AGAIN, AND YOU'RE NEXT!
BROKEN

AND MAYBE THIS TIME YOU WON'T GET UP!
THE FURY
WHAT DID I TELL YOU?
WHY DON'T YOU LISTEN?
AND MAYBE THIS TIME YOU WON'T GET UP!
I'LL GIVE YOU SOMETHING TO CRY ABOUT, BEN!
SHUT UP! STOP THAT CRYING!
BEN! I'M TELLING YOU!
YOU'VE GOT TO THE COUNT OF THREE TO SHUT THAT TRAP.
YOU HEAR ME!
YOU HEAR ME!

E DAILY BUGLE
p Frog's Wife
BEN URICH.
BEN? MR. JAMESON WOULD LIKE TO SEE YOU IN HIS OFFICE.
I'M KINDA IN THE MIDDLE OF --
HE SAID NOW, BEN.
YEAH, UH -- TELL HIM I'M JUST HEADING OUT.
BUT MR. JAMESON --
Like I have to sit and let that fascist bite my head off for the 65th time this week.
No. No. I know what he wants.
I know where I am supposed to be.
Leap Frog's Wife Arrested for Domestic Abuse.
by Ben Urich

I'm supposed to be covering the trial of the Kingpin.
MR. FISK, THIS CELLULAR PHONE WAS FOUND NEAR MR. MURPHY. IT IS REGISTERED IN YOUR NAME. HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN THAT?
IT BELONGED TO ONE OF MY DRIVERS.
I'll give this Foggy Nelson character credit.
He sure does stick it out in the wind --
--no matter how obvious it is that it's going to get cut off.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR LISTENING, MR. URICH.
The Kingpin's not going to jail.
The Kingpin isn't going anywhere the Kingpin doesn't want to. All you people are doing is endangering your families, your careers.
He owns you people.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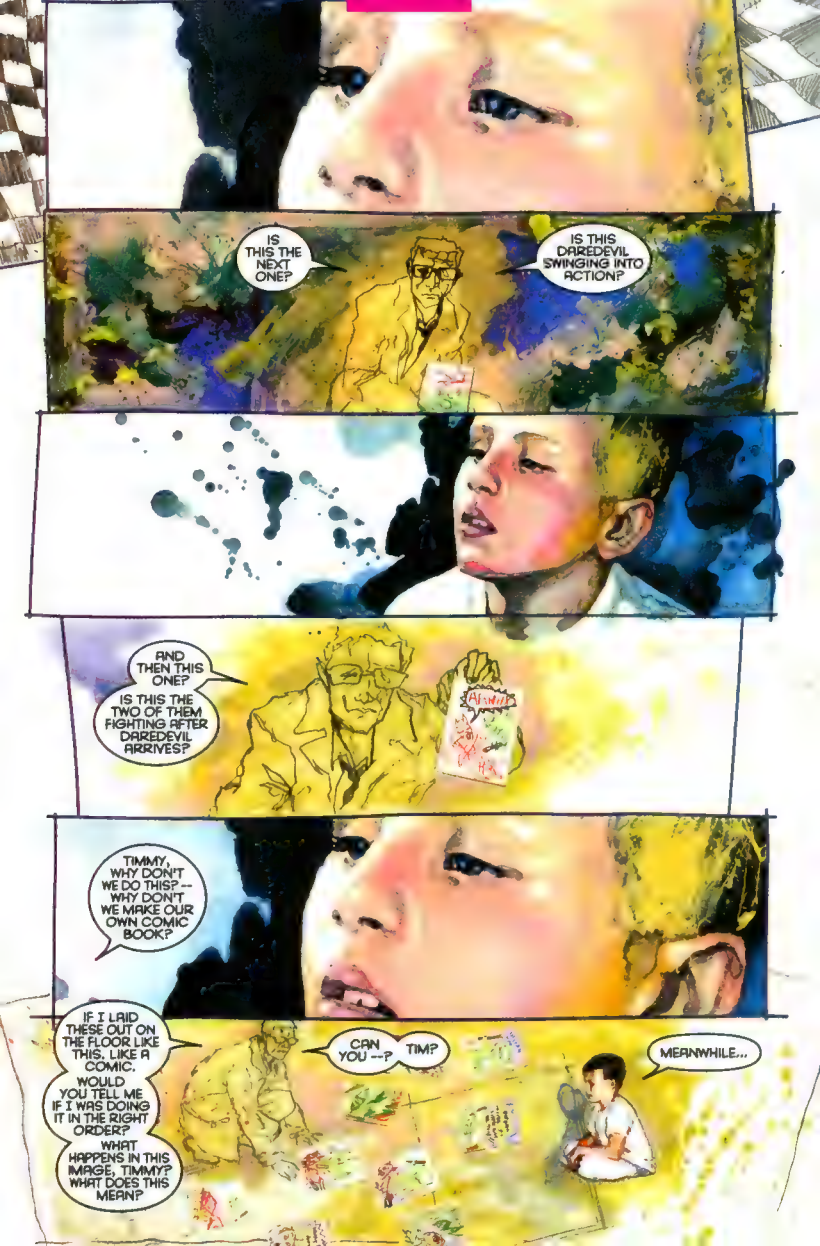
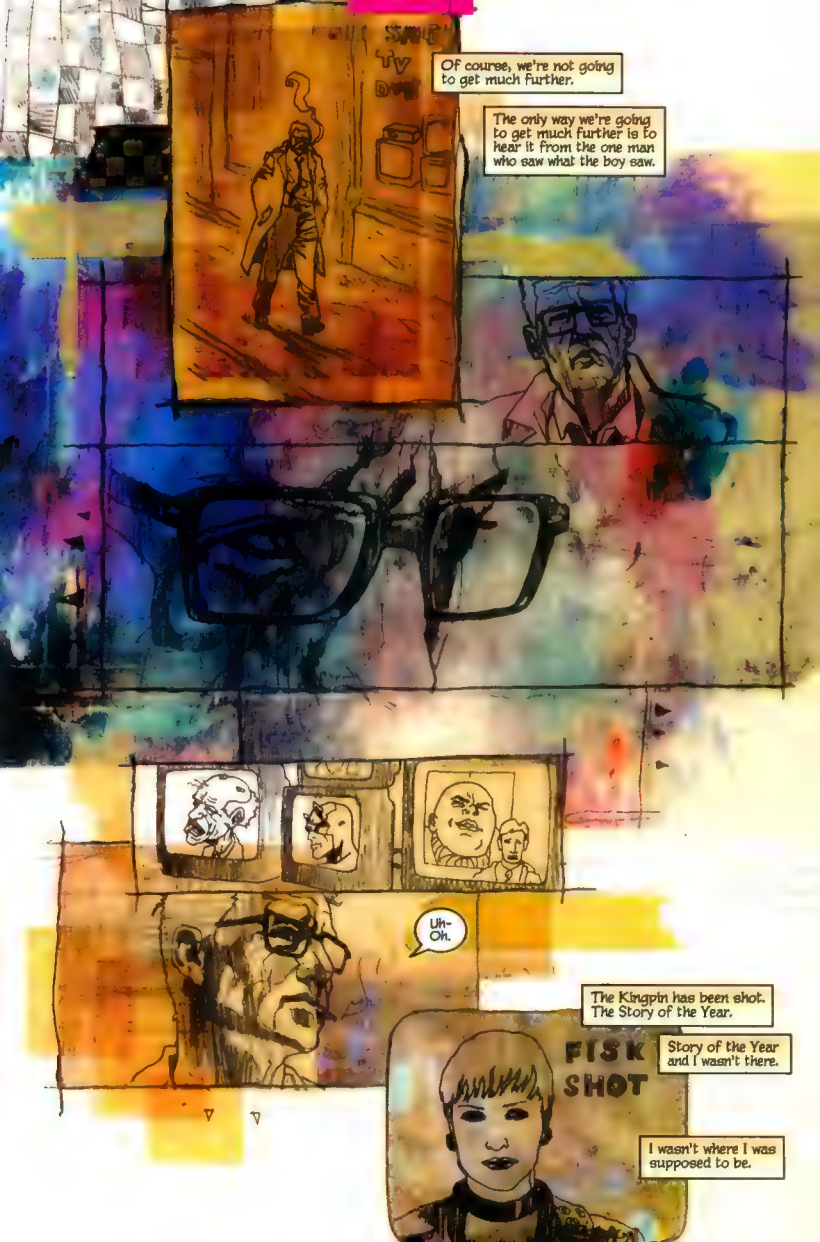
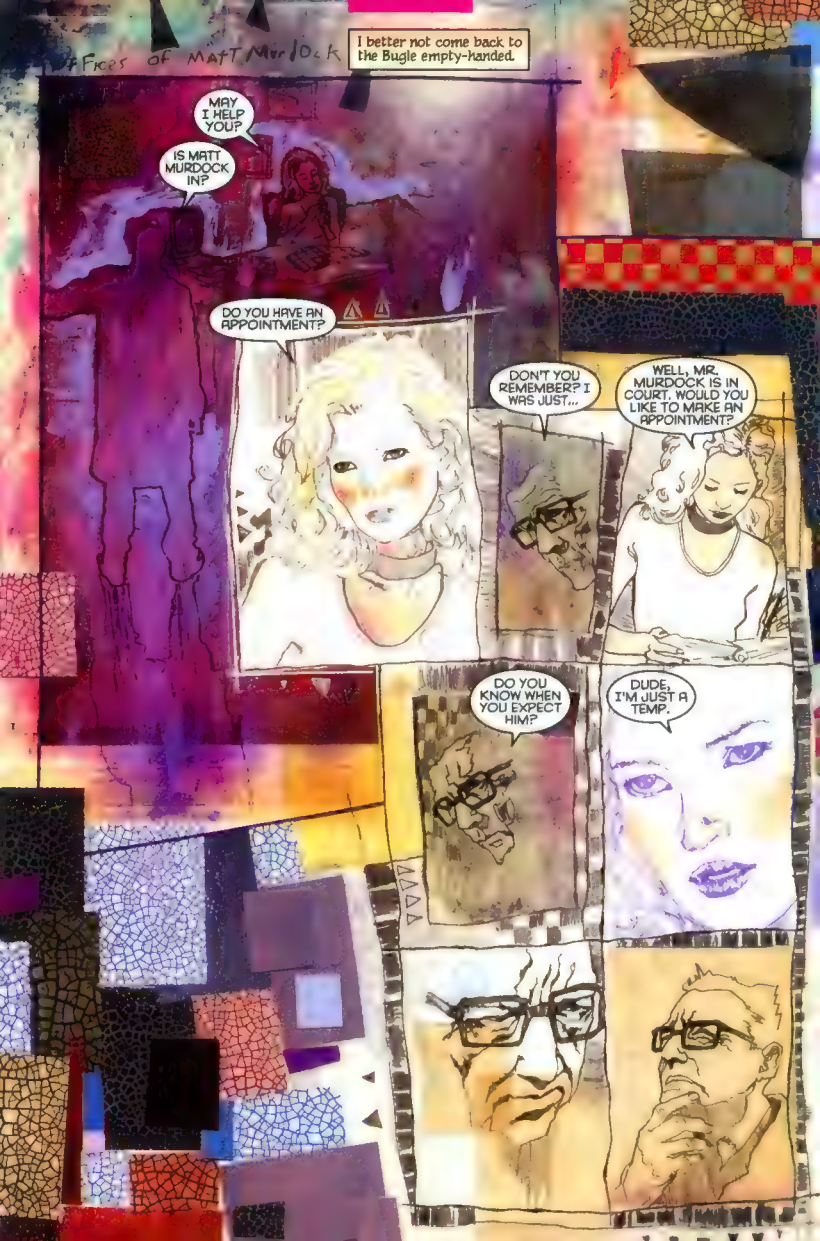
Ben's
Hic HuH
Hic HuH
Hic HuH
Nobody screws with the Kingpin.
I should know.
...and
MAYbe
AND MAYbe THIS TIME YOU WON'T GET UP!
YES, YOUR HONOR.
MR. FISK, WHAT CONVERSATION, IF ANY, TOOK PLACE BETWEEN YOU AND MR. MURPHY?
Meanwhile, a poor little abused boy sits alone in the dark.
O.J. laughs at this trial.
OBJECTION, YOUR HONOR!
SUSTAINED. YOU ARE GRASPING AT STRAWS AND MAKING A MOCKERY OF THIS INQUIRY.
Something to do with Daredevil.

HOW ABOUT THIS ONE, TIMMY?
SEE, IN THIS ONE, IT LOOKS LIKE DAREDEVIL IS WINNING.
BUT IN THIS ONE HERE...
...IT LOOKS LIKE LEAP FROG IS WINNING.
DO YOU KNOW WHO LEAP FROG REALLY IS, TIMMY?
DO YOU KNOW WHO LEAP FROG IS, REALLY?
HEY, TIMMY, YOU KNOW WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO?
WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO IS GET ALL THE ACTION IN THESE COOL PICTURES OF YOURS IN ORDER.
LINE THEM UP SO WE CAN WATCH THEM LIKE A SATURDAY MORNING CARTOON, WHADAYA SAY?
THIS ONE HERE LOOKS LIKE IT'S JUST LEAP FROG.
THEN THIS ONE HAS DAREDEVIL IN THE BACKGROUND.
LIKE DAREDEVIL IS JUST SWINGING DOWN INTO ACTION.


IS THIS THE NEXT ONE?
IS THIS DAREDEVIL SWINGING INTO ACTION?
AND THEN THIS ONE?
IS THIS THE TWO OF THEM FIGHTING AFTER DAREDEVIL ARRIVES?
TIMMY, WHY DON'T WE DO THIS? -- WHY DON'T WE MAKE OUR OWN COMIC BOOK?
IF I LAID THESE OUT ON THE FLOOR LIKE THIS, LIKE A COMIC,
WOULD YOU TELL ME IF I WAS DOING IT IN THE RIGHT ORDER?
WHAT HAPPENS IN THIS IMAGE, TIMMY? WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?
CAN YOU --? TIM?
MEANWHILE...

AAHH!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
GET BACK INSIDE YOU LITTLE RAT BASTARD!!!
INSIDE NOW
OR YOU'R NEXT!!!
H.T
KILL
TO BE CONTINUED -- TRUE BELIEVER.
I DON'T THINK WE'RE GOING TO GET MUCH FURTHER TODAY, MR. URICH.


Of course, we're not going to get much further.
The only way we're going to get much further is to hear it from the one man who saw what the boy saw.
Uh-Oh.
The Kingpin has been shot. The Story of the Year.
FISK SHOT
Story of the Year and I wasn't there.
I wasn't where I was supposed to be.


OFFICES OF MATT MURDOCK
I better not come back to the Bugle empty-handed.
MAY I HELP YOU?
IS MATT MURDOCK IN?
DO YOU HAVE AN APPOINTMENT?
DON'T YOU REMEMBER? I WAS JUST...
WELL, MR. MURDOCK IS IN COURT. WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT?
DO YOU KNOW WHEN YOU EXPECT HIM?
DUDE, I'M JUST A TEMP.

BULLPEN BULLETINS

ON SALE NEXT WEEK!

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In the fiery finale Citizen V learns a secret that will rock the V Battalion — and the Thunderbolts! By Fabian Nicieza & Michael Ryan!

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Another Marvel Knights masterpiece begins! The acclaimed team of Jeph Loeb and Tim Sale explore the early days of the Man Without Fear!

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Finally in her own series, the teleporting cutie named Blink leads a mysterious group on a mission to save all of reality! By Judd Winick & Mike McKone!

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The FF, Annihilus, Hellscout and the Nega-Explorers collide in the chaotic conclusion to the Negative Zone saga! By Jeph Loeb & Carlos Pacheco!

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The Spirit of Vengeance returns this month! Here's a 64-page primer reprinting some of Johnny Blaze's greatest adventures!

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THOR #38

With Loki plotting against him — and without his godly heritage — how can a battered Jake Olson possibly stop the rampaging Destroyer? By Dan Jurgens & Stuart Immonen!

ULTIMATE SPIDER-MAN #10

Our young web-slinger thought he could just waltz right into the Kingpin's building and take him down — big mistake! By Brian Michael Bendis & Mark Bagley!

UNCANNY X-MEN #395

"Poptopia" begins as the X-Men jet off to London to confront Chamber, and an underground society of the grotesque — not to mention the malicious Mr Clean! By Joe Casey & Ian Churchill!

X-MEN: THE DARK PHOENIX SAGA tpb

If you consider yourself a fan of the X Men — or of comics in general — then you must have this classic collection! By Chris Claremont & John Byrne!

X-MEN: THE HIDDEN YEARS #21

The bad guys bring it on as Namor, the Mole Man and Magneto attack! By John Byrne!

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EXILES #1

DAREDEVIL: YELLOW #1

Want The Latest News Fr[illegible] Houses [illegible] Go To [illegible] For Daily Updates

It's okay, Lady, I know how Matt comes to work.
If I have to wait 'til Arbor Day -- I'll wait.
Because after screwing up the Kingpin story -- I damn well better not come home empty-handed.
BEEP BEEP
GO TO HELL, JONAH. STOP BEEPING ME.
Many might wonder why someone like myself would work for an abusive piece of garbage like J. Jonah Jameson -- publisher of the great metropolitan rag: the Daily Bugle.
Well, other than the fact that I have a family to support and all sorts of other adult responsibilities...
...there is the genuine pleasure that I get from knowing that no matter what abuse or bull he throws at my face --
-- I have one thing he wants -- that he can never have.
I have a story that he will never publish.
I have a story that would rock the world.

ELEKTRA
UNTIL SHE DIES
THEN I STILL HAVE NIGHTMARES
NIGHT MARES
ABOUT HER

I know that Matt Murdock is

Daredevil.

I know the secret identity of one of the most enigmatic people in the city and I will never tell.

Not only do I know who he is, I know how he became it.

Well, forget it Jonah, you piece of garbage.
You'll have to settle for what I give you.
I actually once tried blindfolding myself.
Well, I didn't ACTUALLY try it -- but I thought about it.
Just to see.
Just to feel what Matt's world feels like, but --
-- but I realized that -- that wouldn't be his world at all.
His world is so much more.
It would have to be.

His world...
...is in another...
BEN...?
NYAAGG!

WHAT'S GOING ON, BEN?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? DIDN'T MEAN TO SCARE YOU.
LEAP FROG.
I NEED TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENED WITH YOU AND LEAP FROG.
TO BE CONCLUDED

DEVIL'S ADVOCATE

After a brief lapse in letters pages, I proudly bring you the return of "The Devil's Advocate"...

Dear Nanci, Stuart and Kelly,

First, let me say that I have never been a big Daredevil fan. Oh, sure, I've read my fair share of DD over the years, but generally what I ended up reading was on the recommendation of a friend. Until now...

I was rummaging through my roomie's stack of books and came across DD #16. After reading it through twice, I attacked my roomie and begged him for the previous 15 issues. I was not disappointed.

Upon reading these issues through, I realized that I was not reading just Daredevil stories. I was also reading Matt Murdock stories, and Foggy Nelson stories, and Karen Page stories, and most recently, an amazing Ben Urich tale.

This creative team has done a fantastic job breathing life into characters that one could envision as one's coworkers, or friends, or family. These characters are portrayed with all of the flaws and strengths of real people dealing with all of the pressures of day to day living. And to me, that is a refreshing change in the, oftentimes, monotonous world of comics.

To call this book "Daredevil" is a misnomer... but then again, what else could you realistically call it? If I never saw DD slugging it out with "Villain of the Week" again, I'd be ecstatic.

I'm still not a Daredevil fan ... but you can bet I'm a Matt Murdock fan.

Aaron

I like your take on this book, Aaron. I think it's no secret that I happen to love this book and I think I feel the same way you do. Throw in a little artwork by David Mack and I just can't put it down!

Wow,

Haven't been to the comic shop for about 3 weeks. When I get there, I find 2 issues of Daredevil waiting for me in less than 6 months?! You *are* a miracle worker. I Only bought this book because of the names attached to it (I gave up on Daredevil at about #290) and was certainly not disappointed. Even if it turns out to be the obvious (that Leap Frog somehow got the drop on DD and the kid offed his old man helped by DD?), It still won't be bad.

Gorgeous art, nice story all tied up with that Bendis trademark dialogue. Who could ask for anything more?

Looking forward to Elektra.

Paul Hayward

Hey Paul,

If only for a second you could hold a piece of David Mack artwork from DD in your hands, you would truly be amazed. You want to talk about gorgeous, be sure to check it out should you ever find yourself at a comicbook convention.

Hi, folks,

Been a while, but just wanted to let you know how much I'm enjoying the new story arc. Story and art are just great - can't wait to see how this one plays out!

Take care, now.
Paul M. Slattery

Me neither, Paul!

Hey Guys and Girls,

Because I am a poor college student, and the consistently rising prices of comics, I have cancelled about half of my regular titles in the last few months. Daredevil was going to be one of them. That is, until I read #15, the conclusion of the "Parts of a Whole" storyline. What an amazing story! And you are right, Stuart, it was worth sticking it out for. I seriously had goosebumps towards the end. Thanks, and keep up the good work.

Sincerely,
Michael A. Costine

Hi Michael,

So glad you decided NOT to cancel your Daredevil subscription. Aside from the fact that I would hate for you to miss out on such a great read, you are helping me to not be such a poor assistant editor!

Hi folks,

As a long time DD fan and a new computer owner, I thought I'd take just a little time to say that I have been enjoying the latest run of my favorite heroes since the first Smith issue onwards. The wait between issues has been warranted and everyone involved in the new incarnation has done a fantastic job. Issue 16, which we have just received in Scotland, had some of the finest art I have seen in this title EVER. Those painted pages were a triumph. I wish you all the best from across the pond.

Louie Fecou

Hello to Scotland,

Aren't computers great? Type in a little message, see it appear in a letters page. Life is good. Glad you enjoy the art, Louie.

Dear MARVELous people,

Hey, what's up with this? I just saw "Marvel Unlimited Starring Daredevil" on the newsstand. I was shocked I hadn't heard of it. Wondering how I had missed it since I read every comic Marvel makes! The cover was familiar enough (since it's the current issue of DD) and I thought it was a collected volume a la Ultimate Marvel magazine - yeah, I buy that too! But it's identical on the interior to the current issue of Daredevil. Including (contrary to the cover) the title and issue number. So how long has that been going on? Are there other Unlimited books? And what is their purpose? Is it to get the attention of your direct market customers onto the rack of books at the newsstand? Well it worked! My left arm was getting numb just thinking I might have missed a magnificent masterpiece from the House of Ideas.

Stephen Shumate
Fearless Front Facer

Hi Stephen,

Our newsstand line of books is fairly new, so you haven't missed much. Their purpose is to target a much wider audience, and we hope it is working! No need to keep a masterpiece like Daredevil all to ourselves, now, is there? Other MK newsstand books include Marvel Knights Universe and Punisher. Enjoy!

Marvel,

The recent artwork and storyline in Daredevil has been excellent. I absolutely love the depth and realism of David Mack's artwork. Now, it is time for me to try for a No-Prize. On page 20, when Echo is mentioned, her name is signed in American Sign Language (ASL) above the main picture. The last letter, O, is incorrect. Her name is signed E-C-H-P and not E-C-H-O. My reason for this is, as that part of the artwork is supposed to be representative of what Timmy is drawing or experiencing, even though he is bright, he may have easily reversed his O's & P's; being a young child who can hear, learning ASL can cause the occasional mix-up, as with learning any second language. I am looking forward to how this storyline plays out and of course, Make Mine Marvel.

Shannon Dugan

Whoops! Hey, #^%$ happens!

That'll do it for this edition. Keep reading, see you next month.

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